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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**Re: Ex Parte Notice – MB Docket No. 02-277 and  
MM Docket Nos. 01-235, 01-317 and 00-244**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 22, 2003, Jonathan Blake, Jennifer Johnson, Bob Long and Brian Smith of Covington & Burling and Mark Prak of Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, counsel for the Network Affiliated Stations Alliance ("NASA"), met with Mania Baghdadi, Julie Buchanan, Paul Gallant, Marcia Glauber, Judy Herman, Roger Holberg, Bob Ratcliffe, Debra Sabourin, Royce Sherlock, Roy Stewart and Patrick Webre to discuss the joint comments filed by NASA and the National Association of Broadcasters with respect to the 35% national television ownership cap. At the meeting, NASA representatives discussed the information included in their initial comments in support of the 35% cap, and responded to questions from those in attendance with respect to the positions taken in those comments. In addition, NASA representatives discussed the information submitted by the networks in this proceeding relating to preemptions of network programming by affiliates and O&Os, pointing out that this information was limited in nature and did not sufficiently reflect the impact affiliates have on localism.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, an original and 8 copies of this letter (two copies for each docket number) are being submitted to the Secretary's office, with copies to those at the FCC that attended the meetings. Copies of this letter also have been provided to Linda Senecal and Qualex International.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jennifer A. Johnson

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Julie Buchanan	Royce Sherlock
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